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SUBJ: CANADA'S POLICY ON U.S./CANADIAN MEAT TRADE

1. DURING THE CURRENT WEEK, AGRICULTURE MINISTER WHELAN HAS MADE STATEMENTS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS REGARDING CANADA'S OPPOSITION TO PARTICIPATING IN THE U.S. VRA. EMBASSY IS AWARE OF PRESS AND WIRE SERVICE COVERAGE WHICH HAS GIVEN RISE TO QUESTION IF GOC POSITION HAS CHANGED. AGATT. HAS HEARD THREE OF WHELAN'S STATEMENTS - AND IN NO CASE HAS HE STATED THAT CANADA WILL NOT RPT. NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY MANNER. THE LANGUAGE HAS BEEN STRONG AND THE INFERENCE THAT CANADA WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IS PRESENT PARTICULARLY FOR PERSONS WHO ARE UNAWARE THAT THERE IS AN OPTION TO PARTICIPATION UNDER A VRA.

2. AG ATT. HAS CONFIRMED WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS OF EXTAF. AND A/C THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO RPT. NO CHANGES IN GOC POLICY OR INTENTION.  
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